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News of the proposed Pebble Mine traveled far and wide last week, leading with a major scientific report that concludes the mine is a monumental gamble that poses unacceptable risks to Bristol Bay. The report also confirmed that Pebble would likely be part of a larger mining district, compounding the impacts and threats of mining across the watershed. You can read a summary or the full report here.

The Anchorage Daily News opined that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources should not go ahead with a controversial plan to change its mission statement. It said, in part: "Elements dropped are sure to inspire questions and arouse suspicion. Drop 'conserve' and 'enhance' and delete references to 'future generations' and people will naturally wonder if your new mission is development, full speed ahead, without much regard to conservation or the future." DNR's move reaffirmed public concerns that the agency does not have Alaska's interests in mind when it comes to Pebble.

The Petoskey News, a Wisconsin-based newspaper, ran an article about a pair of Alaskans Mushing for Bristol Bay in the Midwest. Next stop for mushers Tim Osmar and Monica Zappa is the UP200, a 200-mile race in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In addition to running two teams of eight sled dogs each, Osmar and Zappa will appear at three area events to raise awareness of the threats to Bristol Bay from the proposed Pebble Mine.

For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

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New Report Documents the Potential Impact to the Bristol Bay Region from the Pebble Mine

Mike Mason

KDLG

A new report puts some numbers on the potential impact to the Bristol Bay watershed from the proposed Pebble Mine. KDLG's Mike Mason has the story... Click here to listen

Pebble Limited Partnership releasing Research

Mike Mason, KDLG

Alaska Public Radio

This week the Pebble Limited Partnership is releasing more than 20,000 pages of research they commissioned and paid for. Since 2004, more than 40 firms have been gathering data in and around the area envisioned for the controversial Pebble Mine... Click here to listen

Another Salmon Conservation report damns Pebble Mine Alaska Dispatch

An environmental conservation group focused on wild salmon has released a 91-page scientific report on how Southwest Alaska's Bristol Bay would be affected by the proposed Pebble gold, copper and molybdenum mine... Click here to read more

New scientific report describes dangers of Pebble mine to Bristol Bay salmon, watershed, and communities Angling Trade

The proposed Pebble Mine would siphon as much as 35 billion gallons of fresh water out of the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Alaska every year, eliminating critical salmon habitat... Click here to read more

Our View: DNR switch is a waste of time

Anchorage Daily News

If, as Commissioner Dan Sullivan says, elements dropped from the Department of Natural Resources mission statement are still implied in the department's mission, why bother to change the statement at all? Click here to read more

Alaska Mushers to Make Stop in Petoskey

Petoskey News

Two Alaska dog-sledders are making a stop in Petoskey to raise awareness of an issue in their home state that could have repercussions for the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery... Click here to read more

Mushing for Bristol Bay in Canada then Michigan

Monica Zappa and Tim Osmar

Save Bristol Bay

We're hitting the road again, heading for Kearney Ontario in Canada to do a 120-mile race this weekend. Normally, it takes about 16 hours to get there from Cumberland, Wis., but since we have to stop and feed the dogs 2 – 3 times a day, it will take us a lot longer... Click here to read more

FlyMage Magazine: Protecting the Magic of Bristol Bay

Kate Taylor

Rogue Angels

I am thoroughly honored to be included in this month's issue of FlyMage magazine. Please take a minute to check out the article I wrote... Click here to read more

Pebble Mine a topic of legislation this session

Russell Stigall

Juneau Empire

January is a time for taking stock of one's resources. For the state of Alaska the resources are Alaska's natural resources... Click here to read more

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